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File Heading.

Non-official Presidents for Municipal Councils. (Shimoga)

From The Deputy Commr., Shimoga Dist

No. 29 Dated 18.7.13 Received 21.7.13

Diary No. 5574	Enclos	Spare Copies	Serial No. 2

Brief Abstract of Letter.

Represents the circumstances which show that time is now ripe for the appointment of a non-official Vice President for the Shimoga Town Municipal Council, states that such an appointment is likely to be more conducive to the satisfactory administration of the affairs and requests that any one of the gentlemen named in the list appended may be selected for appointment.

2. The appointment of Mr. C. Subbarayar

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	retired asst Comr as the non-official Vice President of the Tumkur 2nd Council with effect from the 1st July 1913 was ordered after informally consulting the 2nd Council about the candidate. A recommendation from the Kolar DC for the appointment of Mr Malhari Rao as the non-official Vice President of the Kolar 2nd Council has been received and is pending orders of Govt. The appointment of Mr Malhari Rao has been approved by the 2nd Council
	3. If approved the DC Comr Shimoga may be requested to similarly consult the Councillors informally as to the candidate they propose for appointment
	4. Submit for orders with draft
	5 Issue draft
3	6 To DC Comr Shimoga 2nd No. 954 d 24/7/13 Requests him to consult the Councillors & intimate the name of the candidate they propose for appointment.
10	7. From DC Comr, Shimoga No. 35 d 22.8.13 (D 1365)

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	Reports that none of the suitable candidates is now in a position to take up this responsible situation owing to their professional and other duties not leaving them sufficient time to attend to this important work and that as resolved by the Municipal Council a memo regarding the appointment of an official full time Chief resident for the Shimoga town is under preparation for submission to Govt.
	8. Of the gentlemen recommended in the list received with Residents (Dy Comr) report Sl 1, 5 are not Municipal Councillors vide list of Municipal Councillors
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	9. If approved the correspondence may be simply recorded
	10 Subs for orders with draft
	TDs 69 11. Submitted for information
	26/8/13 No order seems necessary
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	No order is necessary, but the Dy Commissioners'

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is worthy of perusal by the 2nd Councillor of Diwan. Shemuja
prides as being the head-quarters of the Nagar Sabha
and several non-official gentlemen therein are known to put
forwards claims for genuine public spirit. But
this incident once more proves the truth of the old adage
that money is worth very much more than sacrifice for
the sake of public interests.

2nd Councillor
of Diwan

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to the promised public-spirited owner
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ffice of the Deputy Commissioner
Shimoga District,
Dated Shimoga 18th July 1913.

From

K.Srinivasa Row Esquire,
Deputy Commissioner,
Shimoga District.

To

K.R.Srinivasa Iyengar, Esquire, M.A.
Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
General and Revenue Departments,
B A N G A L O R E .

Sir,

I have the honor to state that the town of Shimoga was constituted a permanent Municipality in 1910 under the Mysore Municipal Regulation. There was however a Municipal Council in existence for 44 years but the principles guiding the two were the same except that the Regulation allowed the privilege of electing some members.

2. Shimoga is an important town and ranks third in importance in the Province. Its population during the last Census was 6240 and the Municipality contained 2866 houses. An extension was opened in 1911 to relieve some conjested areas, but only 6 (including Bungalows) houses have been built on it now. The population of the town now is 13,118 and the town contains 3288 houses and the area has been extended by .88 Sq. miles the present area being 2.88 Sq.miles.

3. I was a Vice President of this Municipality for nearly 1 year and have been a President for three years. A careful observation reveals that the people of this place are very conservative and very difficult to be convinced. Though the number of non-official members is 13 and forms a majority in the Council,yet very few members attend regularly the

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Municipal meetings. This is not, I think, due to the want of spirit and enlightenment on the part of the members but it seems to me that it is due to the reluctance of the members to cooperate with the official members whose opinions about reform are not agreeable to the people. I may add that this disagreement between the President and the Board or the Council has been a traditional one, dating from the days of the Rendition. In saying this, I do not mean to throw any insinuations on their character but I do say so to their credit that this attitude of theirs is due to a determined opinion which they entertain of their requirements, and to a sense of confidence in the members to manage themselves if they are allowed to do so.

4. In this state of things the Municipal Administration has never been smooth from the days of the Rendition and it has to be regretted that there has never been any cooperation between the official and non-official members. The President has been the executive head of the Council and the Vice President his assistant. Any strict enforcement of the rules has been misconstrued and many a time uncharitable constructions have been put upon their measures. The Presidents for the last 31 years could not freely exercise their functions, and the Council would never adopt stringent measures. The result is that the Municipality is not in that efficient condition in which it ought to have been. The extension newly formed has not become popular, the sanitation of the town is not much progressed and the health of the town is as bad as ever. An improvement in these directions is urgently called for but I am sure that this cannot be achieved by any other means than the co-operation of the people to adopt stringent enforcement of the Municipal rules.

5. I have given my most anxious consideration to solve this problem, and I am of opinion that time is ripe to stir the people to activity and to a feeling of the sense of responsibility by appointing a non-official honorary Vice President

to

to manage the affairs of the Municipality.

6. The town contains a large number of men of considerable experiance, education and public spirit and I think their aspira-tions to manage the Municipality themselves are not unreasonable. The offical President and the Vice President have multifarious duties in this big District and they cannot satisfactorily attend to the detailed workings of the Municipality and have hardly much time to sit frequently to discuss with the members on the various complicated but important problems. The appointment of a full-time Non-official Vice President will help to the leisurely sittings of the Council, and the Council will be more easily moved by the voice of one of their own members. Thus the measure will not only give relief to the President and the offi-cial Vice President,but will satisfy the people and will certain-ly avoid any friction between the official and non-official members.

7. The next point that has to be considered is the powers with which the Vice President may be invested. In regard to this point, I have to state that my experience has shown that the Council has been insisting all along,on absorbing the purely executive powers of the President to itself but,this will prevent a speedy disposal of work and will hamper the urgent execution of important works. I therefore propose that the executive head must be given more powers to enforce the rules, as it will not be conducive to a speedy disposal of Municipal work if the Council itself has to consider every detail and assume the exe-cutive functions. I would therefore suggest that apart from the powers which the President may delegate to him, he shall have the powers of a chief officer of a City Municipal Council under Section 185 of the Municipal Regulations. The only limitation I would suggest of imposing on his powers would be that he is to correspond to Government through the President and will act under the general guidance of the President.

8. I have appended to this letter a list ~~of the names~~ of the names of gentlemen with their qualifications who are capable of presiding over the deliberations of the Council, and I leave it to Government to nominate any one of them.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

K Srinivasaiya

Deputy Commissioner, &
President & Munsabdhes
Shimoga District.

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Names of members capable of becoming Non-Official Vice Presidents.

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No	Name	Remarks.
1	Mr Inthalli Bhima Rao.	Has 20 years experience as Pleader. Was Govt Counsel
2	" S N. Ramaswami Iyengar	Retired Munsiff.
3.	" S A Balkrishna Rao. B A B.L. Advocate.	Has 10 years experience as advocate)
4	" C Subba Rao, B A B.L Advocate	Has 15 — do — do — Present Hon. Councillor
5	" B Gamdachar. B A B.L.	— 15 — do — do — do —
6	" S Sitaramayya	— 15 — do — do — do —
7.	" K. A Subba Rao.	Retired Amildar. Present Hon Councillor
8	" Batny Bhima Rao.	Zamindar — do —
9	" Shesh Shama Rao	Retired Dis trict Sheristedar.
10	" J Rosters	Retired District Forest Officer

Yours truly
Deputy Commissioner.

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Diary No of letter replied to 5-57

25/13

No. 954 mlg 2-13 — 9.2.2.7.13

To

The Deputy Commr Shimoga Dist

Sir,

With reference to your letter no. 29 dated the 18th July 1913 recommending the appointment of a non-official Vice President for the Shimoga Mal Council, I am desired to request you to consult the Mal Councillors informally as regards the candidate

over

General and Revenue Secretariat

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Date of issue 22.7.13

Signed by MrAVR

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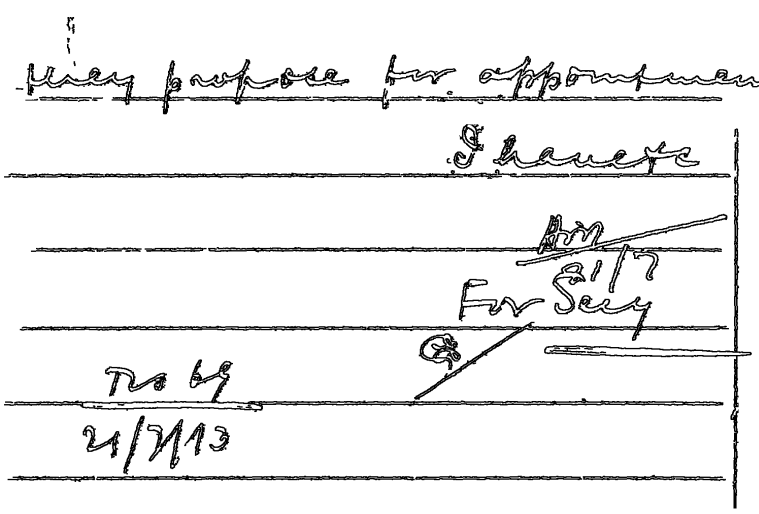

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From The Deputy Commissioner,
Shimoga District.

To The Secretary
to the Government of Mysore
General and Revenue Departmen

Dated 22nd August 1913.
Despatched 23/8
Received
General No. 35
No.
Enclosure No ——

Referring to his No.954/M1. 92-13 dated the 22nd July last, states that no non-official gentlem is willing to take up the position of Vice-President of Shimoga Municipal Council.

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No. 35 Office of the Deputy Commissioner,

Shimoga District,

Dated Shimoga 22nd August 1913.

From

K.Matthan,Esquire.,B.A.,

Offg.Deputy Commissioner,

Shimoga District.

To

K.R.Srinivasa Iyengar,Esquire.,M.A.,

Secretary to the Government of Mysore,

General and Revenue Departments,

B A N G A L O R E.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No.954/M.1.92-13 dated the 22nd July requesting that the Municipal Councillors of the Shimoga Town may be consulted as to the candidate they would propose for appointment as non-official Vice-President of the Municipal Council, I have the honor to state that I consulted the Councillors on the subject informally at the meeting of the council held on the 19th instant,but I regret to say that they were unable to propose the name of any candidate for the appointment. I had previously consulted all the gentlemen who may be regarded as suitable candidates for the appointment,but all of them expressed inability to accept the position as their professional and other duties did not leave them sufficient time to take up this responsible position. At the meeting,one of the members suggested that one or other of two retired Amildars residing in the town might be appointed,but this was not agreeable to any of the others. The general idea at the meeting as well as during my previous individual talks with the Councillors was that, until the affairs of the Municipality should have been considerably improved,it would be a mistake to entrust the Municipal Administration to a non-official gentlemen. In fact,the council has passed a resolution to the effect that one official full time Vice-President should be appointed for a period of at least two years,and a

memorandum

memorandum on the subject for submission to Government as under preparation by a small committee.

2. I may be permitted to say that the conclusion that it is not possible to appoint a non-official Vice-President for the present is a disappointment to me personally. But after considering the position very carefully I am satisfied that inspite of the public spirit and willingness to make sacrifices in public interests, which evidently animates them, none of the suitable candidates is at present in a position to take up the office.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Offg. Deputy Commissioner,
Shimoga District.

B.B.